

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 2, 4, 5 and 8, if rewritten to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection, and be in independent form, is acknowledged and appreciated.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. More specifically, the Office Action states that it is indefinite for a "single pole magnetic head" to comprise an "an auxiliary pole" and a "main pole."

A single pole magnetic head, as used in the art, includes a "main" or primary pole and an "auxiliary" or a subsidiary pole. This definition is consistently used in the specification (see e.g., page 12, lines 16-24). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sasaki et al. or Shukh et al. Claim 1 has been canceled, and claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of canceled claim 1. The remaining claims now depend either directly or indirectly from claim 2. Accordingly, claims 2-8 are now believed to be allowable.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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